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MAYOR'S TASK FORCE
ON DOWNTOWN ISSUES
AND RENEWAL

CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

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GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

TO: S. K. Reeder, Secretary
Finance & Administration Committee

YOUR FILE:

FROM: J. J. Schatz
City Clerk

OUR FILE:

PHONE: 546-2727

SUBJECT: Mayor's Task Force on Downtown
Issues and Renewal

DATE: 1994 March 23

Attached for the information of the members of the Finance & Administration Committee is a copy of the First Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Downtown Issues and Renewal.

As the Committee will recall, this Report was tabled with City Council at its meeting on March 8, 1994 at which time Council referred the various sections to the appropriate Committee.

I have, for your convenience, listed below those sections which are referred to the Finance & Administration Committee.

1. THAT THE CITY OF HAMILTON TAKE STEPS TO LOWER PROPERTY TAXES IN DOWNTOWN HAMILTON
2. THAT INNOVATIVE PARKING ARRANGEMENTS BE CONSIDERED SO AS TO COMPETE WITH THE FREE PARKING OFFERED CUSTOMERS AT MALLS

AND, THAT FREE PARKING BE INVESTIGATED WITH THE VIEW THAT IT MAY PAY OFF IN THE LONG RUN IF IT ATTRACTS MORE PEOPLE DOWNTOWN, THEREBY ENCOURAGING MORE STORES TO OPEN AND THE TAX BASE TO INCREASE.

(ALSO REFERRED TO THE PARKING AUTHORITY)

3. THAT THE HAMILTON PARKING AUTHORITY AND THE ROYAL CONNAUGHT HOTEL BE ENCOURAGED TO CONCLUDE AND IMPLEMENT PLANS FOR A MAJOR MULTI-TIERED PARKING STRUCTURE IMMEDIATELY

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17. THAT A PERMANENT COMMITTEE TO MARKET DOWNTOWN BE ESTABLISHED AND CONSIST OF CITY AND REGIONAL STAFF, ALL LOCAL BUSINESS, MEDIA AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

The following matters fall under the jurisdiction of the Region and are submitted for the Committee's information and subject to your approval, subsequent referral to the Region.

21. THAT THE HAMILTON-WENTWORTH REGIONAL POLICE BE THANKED FOR THEIR HELP AND ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN ABSOLUTE PRIORITY OF THE DOWNTOWN
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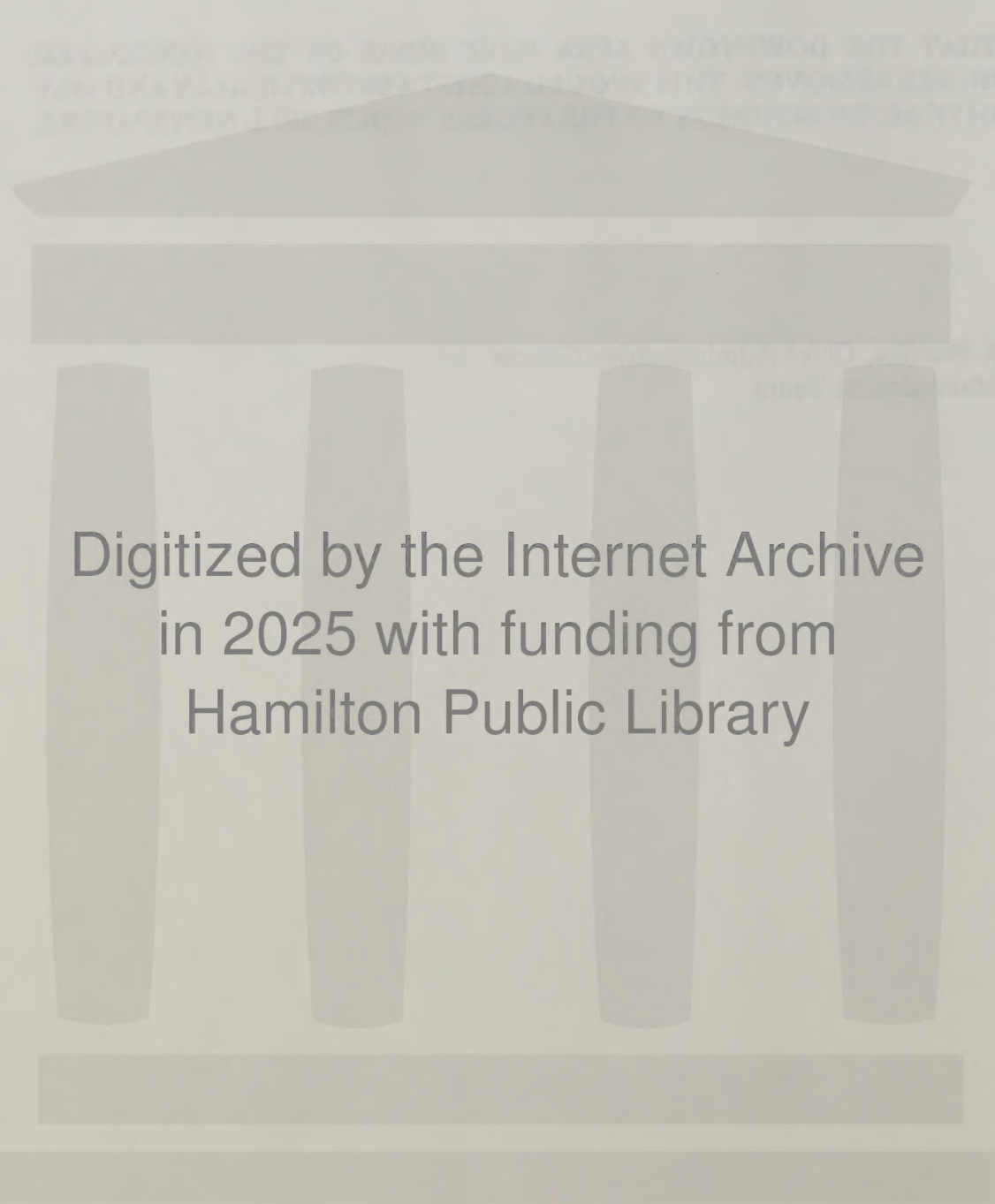
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c.c. J. Pavelka, Chief Administrative Officer
Management Team



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CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

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GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

TO: T. Agnello, Secretary
Planning & Development Committee

YOUR FILE:

FROM: J. J. Schatz
City Clerk

OUR FILE:

PHONE: 546-2727

SUBJECT: Mayor's Task Force on Downtown
Issues and Renewal

DATE: 1994 March 23

Attached for the information of the members of the Planning & Development Committee is a copy of the First Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Downtown Issues and Renewal.

As the Committee will recall, this Report was tabled with City Council at its meeting on March 8, 1994 at which time Council referred the various sections to the appropriate Committee.

I have, for your convenience, listed below those sections which are referred to the Planning & Development Committee.

4. THAT THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO BE INFORMED IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THAT THE MAJOR ENTRANCE TO THE NEW COURT FACILITY MUST BE ON KING STREET.

ALSO, PURSUANT TO SUGGESTIONS MADE AT CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 22ND, 1994 THAT THE REGION BE ENCOURAGED TO SEEK ACTIVE USES FOR THE COUNTY COURT BUILDING AT MAIN AND JOHN STREETS.

5. THAT MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL USES BE ENCOURAGED IN THE DOWNTOWN EAST OF JAMES STREET -

- MCMASTER UNIVERSITY AND MOHAWK COLLEGE (e.g. UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY)
- FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS
- PRIVATE AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS - SUCH AS PARK BUSINESS COLLEGE AND SOUTHERN ONTARIO COLLEGE ETC.

6. THAT RESIDENTIAL COMPLEXES BE ENCOURAGED IN ALL PARTS OF THE CBD - INCLUDING UP-SCALE PROJECTS EAST OF JAMES

7. THAT SPECIAL ETHNIC PROJECTS BE ENCOURAGED EG. CHINATOWNS ON JAMES STREET NORTH AND KING STREET EAST

8. THAT EFFORTS BE RE-INITIATED TO JOIN THE REDEVELOPED AREA EAST OF BAY WITH HESS VILLAGE

10. THAT ALL B.I.A. AND CITY (AND ANY OTHER) BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS - FLOWERS, HANGING BASKETS AND TREES ETC. BE SUPPORTED EVEN AMIDST OTHER SPENDING CUTS - THE SAME TO APPLY CITY-WIDE

(ALSO REFERRED TO TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE)

15. THAT ALL EFFORTS OF BUSINESS PEOPLE ON JAMES STREET NORTH TO FORM BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS BE SUPPORTED

18. THAT A PLEASANT STREET & SIDEWALK AMBIENCE BE A PRIORITY IN ALL DECISIONS - EVERYTHING FROM OUTDOOR CAFES TO BEAUTIFICATION TO POLICE PRESENCE ETC.

(ALSO REFERRED TO TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE)

c.c. J. Pavelka, Chief Administrative Officer
Management Team

CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: K. Christenson, Secretary
Transport & Environment Committee

YOUR FILE:

FROM: J. J. Schatz
City Clerk

OUR FILE:
PHONE: 546-2727

SUBJECT: Mayor's Task Force on Downtown
Issues and Renewal

DATE: 1994 March 23

Attached for the information of the members of the Transport & Environment Committee is a copy of the First Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Downtown Issues and Renewal.

As the Committee will recall, this Report was tabled with City Council at its meeting on March 8, 1994 at which time Council referred the various sections to the appropriate Committee.

I have, for your convenience, listed below those sections which are referred to the Transport & Environment Committee.

10. THAT ALL B.I.A. AND CITY (AND ANY OTHER) BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS - FLOWERS, HANGING BASKETS AND TREES ETC. BE SUPPORTED EVEN AMIDST OTHER SPENDING CUTS - THE SAME TO APPLY CITY-WIDE

(ALSO REFERRED TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE)

11. THAT THE FLEXIBILITY ON THE PART OF CITY STAFF VIS-A-VIS PARKING ENFORCEMENT BE APPLAUDED AND REINFORCED
12. THAT THE CITY STUDY THE STANDARD OF LIGHTING ON KING, JAMES AND KING WILLIAMS STREETS WITH A VIEW TO UPGRADING IT SATISFACTORILY

13. THAT THE CITY REVIEW THE COST TO TREAT ALL ASSUMED ALLEYWAYS IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AS ROADWAYS VIS-A-VIS SNOW REMOVAL AND MAINTENANCE, ALSO TO REVIEW LIGHTING AND REFUSE. EFFORTS TO BE CO-ORDINATED WITH B.I.A.'S AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.
14. THAT CITY STAFF AND THE PUBLIC TO BE ENCOURAGED TO REMOVE POSTERS FROM POLES, ETC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR BY-LAW
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(ALSO REFERRED TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE)
22. THAT THE CITY BE CONGRATULATED ON AN EXCELLENT JOB ON SNOW REMOVAL OF THE ROADS BUT BE ENCOURAGED TO DO A BETTER JOB ON SIDEWALKS AND ALL PEDESTRIAN AREAS.
29. THAT BUS SHELTERS BE CLEANED UP MORE REGULARLY.

c.c. J. Pavelka, Chief Administrative Officer
Management Team

CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: K. Christenson, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Committee

YOUR FILE:

FROM: J. J. Schatz
City Clerk

OUR FILE:
PHONE: 546-2727

SUBJECT: Mayor's Task Force on Downtown
Issues and Renewal

DATE: 1994 March 24

Attached for the information of the members of the Parks & Recreation Committee is a copy of the First Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Downtown Issues and Renewal.

As the Committee will recall, this Report was tabled with City Council at its meeting on March 8, 1994 at which time Council referred the various sections to the appropriate Committee.

I have, for your convenience, listed below that section which is referred to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

9. THAT THE FOUNTAIN PROJECT BE SUPPORTED AS WELL AS ALL ELSE FLOWING FROM THE 1996 CELEBRATIONS.

c.c. J. Pavelka, Chief Administrative Officer
Management Team

CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Peter Baker, General Manager
Parking Authority

YOUR FILE:

 FROM: J. J. Schatz
City Clerk

OUR FILE:
PHONE: 546-2727

SUBJECT: Mayor's Task Force on Downtown
Issues and Renewal

DATE: 1994 March 24

Attached for your information is a copy of the First Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Downtown Issues and Renewal.

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2. THAT INNOVATIVE PARKING ARRANGEMENTS BE CONSIDERED SO AS TO COMPETE WITH THE FREE PARKING OFFERED CUSTOMERS AT MALLS

AND, THAT FREE PARKING BE INVESTIGATED WITH THE VIEW THAT IT MAY PAY OFF IN THE LONG RUN IF IT ATTRACTS MORE PEOPLE DOWNTOWN, THEREBY ENCOURAGING MORE STORES TO OPEN AND THE TAX BASE TO INCREASE.

(ALSO REFERRED TO FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE)

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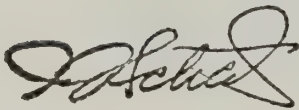
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CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO:	Members, Management Team	YOUR FILE:	
FROM:	J. J. Schatz City Clerk	OUR FILE:	
		PHONE:	546-2727
SUBJECT:	Mayor's Task Force on Downtown Issues and Renewal	DATE:	1994 March 25

Attached please find the copy of the First Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Downtown Issues and Renewal, which was inadvertently omitted from my previous memo.



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FIRST REPORT OF THE MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON DOWNTOWN ISSUES AND RENEWAL

To the Council of the Corporation of the City of Hamilton:

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19. THAT MAYOR MORROW INVITE GROUPS OF PROPERTY OWNERS TO REGULAR MEETINGS TO SEE WHERE THE CITY CAN HELP FACILITATE COLLABORATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF EFFORTS, JOINT VENTURES ETC. AND ALSO TO DEAL WITH ABANDONED BUILDINGS, LITTER ETC.
20. THAT THE BANKS CONTINUE TO BE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN PROJECTS - ESPECIALLY EAST OF JAMES
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Robert M. Morrow
Mayor

1994 March 7

1. THAT THE TRAFFIC AGREEMENT WITH THE DIVISION OF
THAT TRAFFIC FROM MAIN STREET

2. THAT THE DOWNHILL AREA EAST SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY
SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE TRAFFIC ROUTE AND
GIVE MORE ROOM TO THE TRAFFIC WHICH WILL BE BENEFITED

3. THAT THE TRAFFIC BE KEPT ON THE MAIN STREET

RECOMMENDED

John M. Smith
Mayor

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